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Country: United States
Title: National Election Pool Poll: 2020 Maine Election Day Exit Poll
Survey Organization(s): Edison Research
Sponsor(s): National Election Pool (ABC News, CBS, CNN, NBC)
Field Dates: October 13 - November 3, 2020
Sample: Exiting voters and absentee/early voters in Maine
Sample Size: 1439
Sample Notes: None
Interview method: Telephone Interview, Cell Phone; Telephone Interview, Landline; On-site Questionnaire
Weight Location: Columns 11-28 (xx.xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx) -- Varname: WEIGHT
No. of records per respondent: 1
Usage Notes: This dataset contains a telephone survey and an election day exit poll. Use the variable TELEPOLL (Column 135) to determine the sample: 1=Telephone survey; 2=Election day exit poll. Numerical values for the PRECINCT variable do not correspond with actual precinct numbers. Data labels for this variable have been removed to ensure respondent confidentiality.

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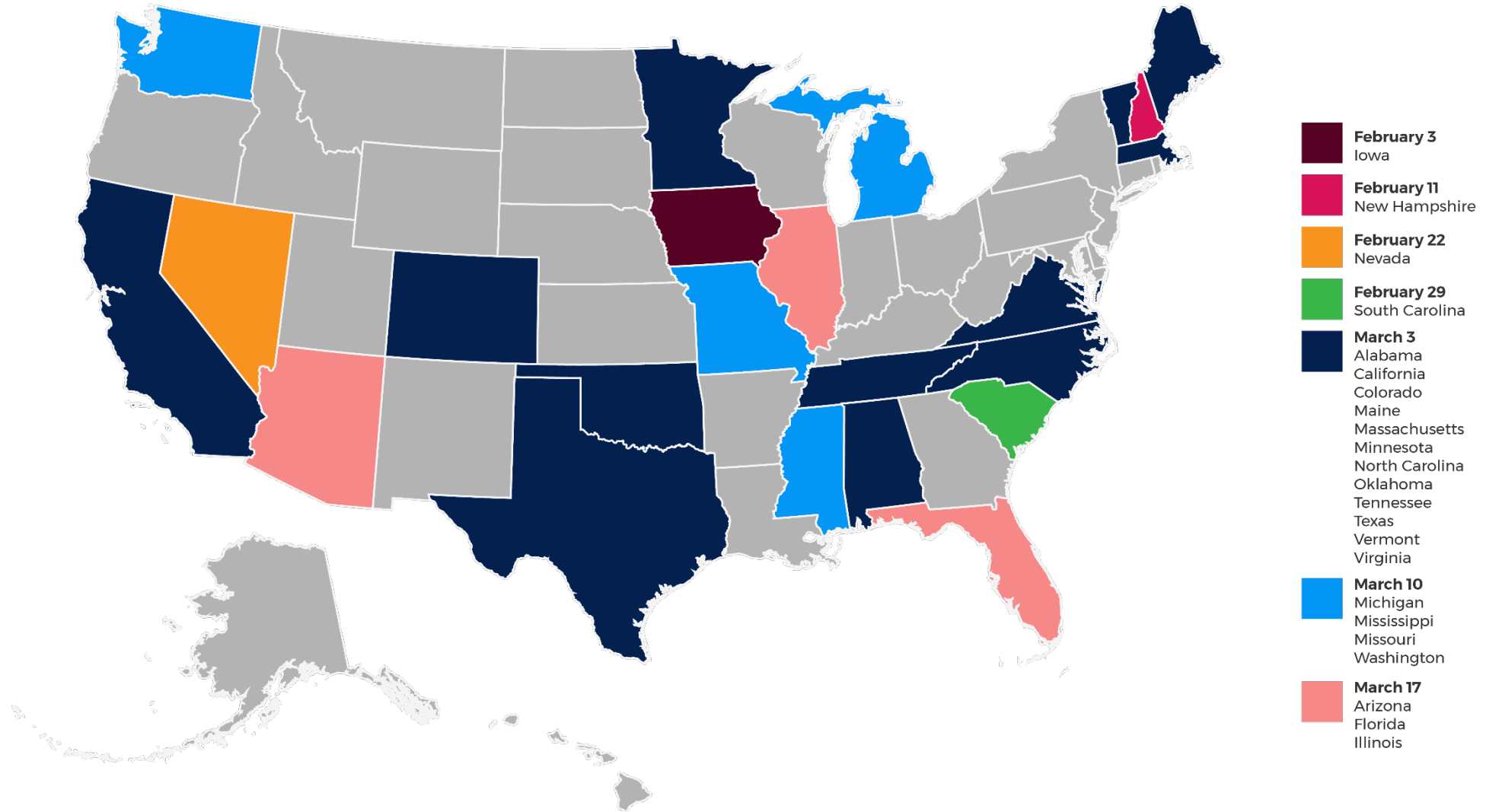
Greatly Exceeds Requirements (9.0)

CORE	AVAILABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
Survey organization		
External survey sponsor		
Grant funding source		
Data collection dates		
Universe		
Geographic coverage		
Justifications for claims of representativeness		
Mode		
Mode other: Description (filtered on previous)		
Sample size		
Sampling procedure: Summary		
Sampling procedure: Respondent selection stage		
Sampling frame		
Weight variable		
Weighting benchmark source		
Variables used for weighting calculations		
<i>Response information</i>		
Response rate or disposition codes OR		
Completion or participation rate and details of calculation		
Survey language(s)		
Full question wording with all interview instructions, prompts and visual aids		
ADDITIONAL	AVAILABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
External sample provider(s)		
Proportion of sample provided (filtered on previous)		
Use of breakout routers or chains		
Breakoff rate		
Estimated size of noncovered population		
Use of incentives		
What incentive was provided (filter on previous)		
Quality control summary		
% respondents removed due to quality checks (filtered on above)		

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In 2020, Edison Research conducted entrance and exit polls in 23 states of 37,001 Democratic Primary voters





Procedural changes to exit poll interviewing tested in GA, KY, NJ and DE primaries in June and July and used in November

We maintained response rates by using the following interviewing procedures:

Exit Poll Interviewers were required to wear a mask at all times except during breaks

Exit poll materials were placed on a folding table

Gloves, hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes were made available on the table for voters and the interviewer to use

Interviewers required to wipe down the folding table and use hand sanitizer before touching any exit poll materials

Interviewers approached voters from a 6 foot distance and invited them to participate in the exit

Willing participants were instructed to take a survey and single-use golf pencil from the table, fill out the survey, and place it in the ballot box

A garbage bag was provided for voters and interviewers to dispose of gloves, single-use golf pencils and sanitizing wipes

Procedural changes to exit poll interviewing



Survey methods used in the NEP Exit Poll

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In-person exit poll interviews of election day voters at more than 700 polling locations – representing 33% of the vote

2

In-person exit poll interviews of early voters at more than 175 early voting centers – representing 24% of the vote

3

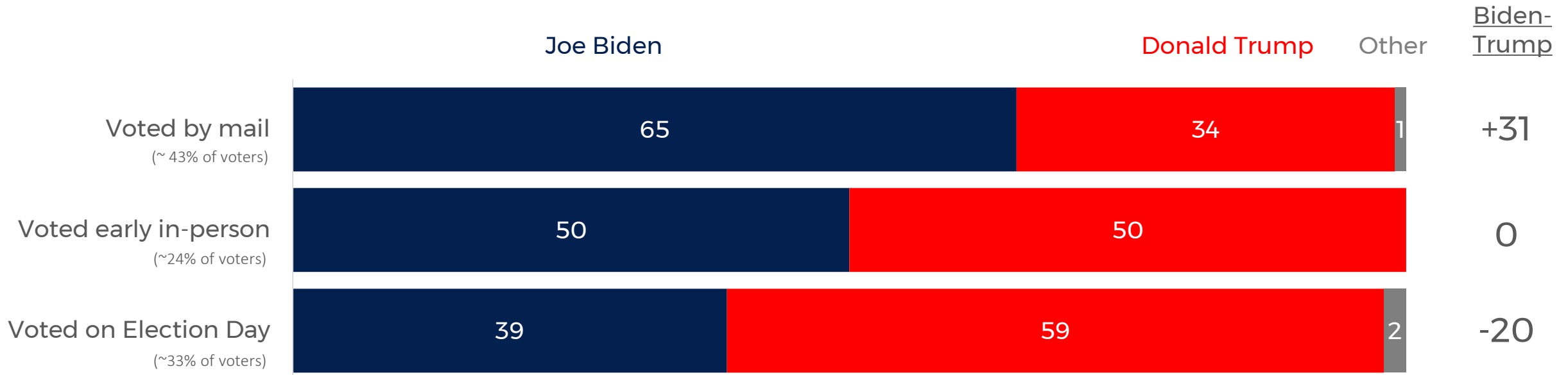
Telephone interviews of absentee/by-mail voters – representing 43% of the vote



Exit Poll response rates

Election Exit Poll	Response Rate
2000 General Election	54%
2004 General Election	53%
2006 General Election	45%
2008 Presidential Primaries	43%
2008 General Election	46%
2010 General Election	45%
2012 General Election	48%
2014 General Election	45%
2016 General Election	44%
2018 General Election	41%
2020 Presidential Primaries	43%
2020 General Election	42%

2020 presidential vote by voting method





2020 polls needed to estimate three different electorates by voting method

Georgia Presidential Vote by voting method

	Joe Biden	Donald Trump
Absentee by Mail (26%)	64.5%	34.3%
Early Voting in Person (54%)	46.4%	52.7%
Election Day in Person (20%)	37.9%	60.0%
Total	49.5%	49.3%

North Carolina Presidential Vote by voting method

	Joe Biden	Donald Trump
Absentee by Mail (18%)	70.3%	27.9%
Early Voting in Person (65%)	46.6%	52.3%
Election Day in Person (17%)	32.8%	64.7%
Total	48.6%	49.9%



2021 Georgia U.S. Senate run-off results by voting method

Special runoff election: Ossoff vs. Perdue

	Jon Ossoff	David Perdue
Absentee by Mail (24%)	67.7%	32.3%
Early Voting in Person (46%)	50.6%	49.4%
Election Day in Person (30%)	36.6%	63.4%
Total	50.6%	49.4%

Special runoff election: Warnock vs. Loeffler

	Raphael Warnock	Kelly Loeffler
Absentee by Mail (24%)	68.2%	31.8%
Early Voting in Person (46%)	51.0%	49.0%
Election Day in Person (30%)	37.1%	62.9%
Total	51.0%	49.0%

Methodological Details

- Data collection dates: The field dates (10/13/2020-11/3/2020) cover the span that includes the timeframes for each of the three interviewing segments: early voter exit polls, telephone surveys, and election day exit polls.
- Sampling procedure (summary): Within-state sampling was used. Each state and its precincts were geographically stratified by region based on county, and precincts were chosen randomly based on past vote share.
- Sampling procedure (respondent selection stage): The telephone component was conducted using random-digit dialing (RDD) and registration-based sampling (RBS). In-person respondents were randomly selected based on every X exiting voter on the day of the poll.
- Weighting benchmark source: Data are weighted to the final vote count from the Federal Election Commission.
- Variable used for weighting calculations: The data is weighted by sex, age, race, education, and precinct-level vote returns
- Refusals are coded by estimated age/race/sex and additional adjustments made to the sample based on these variables to account for differential nonresponse.
- Exit Poll response rate: 42%
- The following states had a Spanish interview option: AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, NV, PA, TX. The national RBS telephone poll offered Spanish to all respondents.
- External sample provider: None
- Use of incentives: None

For more information, see:

Salvanto, A. M. (2018). Exit polling today and what the future may hold. In L. R. Atkeson & R. M. Alvarez (Eds.), *The Oxford handbook of polling and survey methods* (pp. 141-57). New York: Oxford University Press.

https://www.google.com/books/edition/The_Oxford_Handbook_of_Polling_and_Surve/J5FIDwAAQBAJ?hl=en&gbpv=1&pg=PA141&printsec=frontcover

Bowman, K., & Goldstein, S. (2022). The exit polls: A history and trends over time, 1972–2020.

<https://www.aei.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/The-Exit-Polls.pdf?x91208>

Study Note

- This dataset includes respondents from the national exit poll. Use the variable QTYPE to determine the type of questionnaire received: 1=State questionnaire; 2=National questionnaire. The file 31119913_National2020.pdf (see <https://doi.org/10.25940/ROPER-31119913>) contains the national questionnaires.
- The file 31119913_National2020_recodesyntax.sps (see <https://doi.org/10.25940/ROPER-31119913>) contains the syntax that was used to code omitted responses for exit poll respondents. Full information regarding the coding of omitted responses for telephone poll respondents is not available, but it appears that:
 - o For variables that include a code of 9 "Omit", 9 = DK/Refused and missing values = Not asked or (in the case of exit poll responses who didn't complete the backside) Not Answered.
 - o For variables that do not include a code of 9 "Omit", missing values = Don't know/Refused/Not asked/Not answered because the backside was not completed.
- Exit poll interviewers call in data three times on election day. The variable CALL indicates if the data was Call 1, Call 2, or Call 3.
- The breaking news question (BREAK12) is left blank on purpose. The final wording for this question is decided after questionnaires have been printed and delivered to interviewers. The Sunday before the election, the NEP decides on the wording of this question and interviewers are instructed to print labels and attach them to the questionnaires in the blank spot to complete the question.
- Edison recoded the value of -1 in the version 2 questionnaire for the following variables to SYSMIS for some states, and to 9 for some other states. See the file 31119913_National2020_recodesyntax.sps (see <https://doi.org/10.25940/ROPER-31119913>) for more information.

COUNTACC

COUNT2

COVIDHARDSHIP

COVIDHARDSHIP2

Truncated Variable Names

Abbreviated Name	Extended Name
CONTAI_1	CONTAINCOVID2
CONTAINC	CONTAINCOVID
CONTROLS	CONTROLSSEN
EARLYVEL	EARLYVELECTION
ECONVCOR	ECONVCORONA20
FAVBIDEN	FAVBIDEN2
FAVCOLLI	FAVCOLLINS
FAVGIDEO	FAVGIDEON
FAVPRES2	FAVPRES20
FAVSENME	FAVSENME20
HANDLECO	HANDLECORONA20
HANDLEEC	HANDLEECON20
PARTYGEN	PARTYGENDER
RACISM_1	RACISM20B
SUPPORTR	SUPPORTRCV
TEMPBIDE	TEMPBIDEN
TEMPERAM	TEMPERAMENT20
TEMPTRUM	TEMPTRUMP
TIME16MO	TIME16MONTH
TIME16WE	TIME16WEEK
VOTEMETH	VOTEMETHOD

Data Locations (ASCII file)

Variable	Rec	Start	End	Format
id	1	1	6	F6.0
prsm20	1	7	8	F2.0
senme20	1	9	10	F2.0
weight	1	11	28	F18.15
age	1	29	30	F2.0
age3	1	31	32	F2.0
age10	1	33	34	F2.0
age45	1	35	36	F2.0
age60	1	37	38	F2.0
age65	1	39	40	F2.0
backside	1	41	41	F1.0
call	1	42	43	F2.0
cdnum	1	44	45	F2.0
child12	1	46	47	F2.0
containc	1	48	49	F2.0
contai_1	1	50	51	F2.0
controls	1	52	53	F2.0
count2	1	54	55	F2.0
countacc	1	56	57	F2.0
earlyvel	1	58	58	F1.0
econvcor	1	59	60	F2.0
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educcoll	1	63	64	F2.0
educhs	1	65	66	F2.0
favbiden	1	67	68	F2.0
favcolli	1	69	70	F2.0
favgideo	1	71	72	F2.0
favpres2	1	73	74	F2.0
favsenme	1	75	76	F2.0
favtrump	1	77	78	F2.0
finsit	1	79	80	F2.0
forcand	1	81	82	F2.0
geocode	1	83	83	F1.0
handleco	1	84	85	F2.0
handleec	1	86	87	F2.0
issue20	1	88	89	F2.0
latino	1	90	91	F2.0
lgbt	1	92	93	F2.0
nec	1	94	95	F2.0
nec2	1	96	97	F2.0
newvoter	1	98	99	F2.0
parents	1	100	101	F2.0
party	1	102	103	F2.0
partygen	1	104	105	F2.0

partyid	1	106	107	F2.0
phil3	1	108	109	F2.0
precinct	1	110	112	F3.0
ptyideo7	1	113	114	F2.0
qlt20	1	115	116	F2.0
qraceai	1	117	118	F2.0
qtype	1	119	119	F1.0
racism20	1	120	121	F2.0
racism_1	1	122	123	F2.0
region	1	124	124	F1.0
sex	1	125	126	F2.0
sizeplac	1	127	128	F2.0
sizeplc3	1	129	130	F2.0
stanum	1	131	132	F2.0
supportr	1	133	134	F2.0
telepoll	1	135	135	F1.0
tempbide	1	136	137	F2.0
temperam	1	138	139	F2.0
temptrum	1	140	141	F2.0
time16_1	1	142	143	F2.0
time16_2	1	144	145	F2.0
time16mo	1	146	147	F2.0
time16we	1	148	149	F2.0
trump2	1	150	151	F2.0
trump4	1	152	153	F2.0
version	1	154	154	F1.0
votemeth	1	155	155	F1.0



**YOUR ANSWERS ARE
CONFIDENTIAL**
Please check only **ONE**
response for each
question.
Version 1

[A] Are you:

- 1 Male **SEX**
- 2 Female

[B] Are you:

- 1 White **QRACEAI**
- 2 Black
- 3 Hispanic/Latino
- 4 Asian
- 5 American Indian
- 6 Other

[C] In today's election for president, who was your first choice? PRSME20

- 1 Joe Biden (Dem)
- 2 Donald Trump (Rep)
- 3 Rocky De La Fuente (Ind)
- 4 Howie Hawkins (Green)
- 5 Jo Jorgensen (Lbt)
- 9 Other: Who? _____
- 0 Did not vote

[D] When did you finally decide for whom to vote in the presidential election? TIME16

- 1 In the last few days
- 2 In the last week
- 3 In October
- 4 In September
- 5 Before that

[E] In which age group are you?

- 1 18-24
- 2 25-29 **AGE107**
- 3 30-34
- 4 35-39
- 5 40-44
- 6 45-49
- 7 50-59
- 8 60-64
- 9 65-74
- 10 75 or over

[F] In today's election for U.S. Senate, who was your first choice? SENME20

- 1 Sara Gideon (Dem)
- 2 Susan Collins (Rep)
- 3 Max Linn (Ind)
- 4 Lisa Savage (Ind)
- 9 Other: Who? _____
- 0 Did not vote

[G] Which best describes your education? You have: EDUC18

- 1 Never attended college
- 2 Attended college but received no degree
- 3 Associate's degree (AA or AS)
- 4 Bachelor's degree (BA or BS)
- 5 An advanced degree after a bachelor's degree (such as JD, MA, MBA, MD, PhD)

[H] Are you of Hispanic or Latino descent? LATINO

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

[I] Which ONE of these five issues mattered most in deciding how you voted for president? ISSUE20 (CHECK ONLY ONE)

- 1 Racial inequality
- 2 The coronavirus pandemic
- 3 The economy
- 4 Crime and safety
- 5 Health care policy

[J] Which ONE of these four candidate qualities mattered most in deciding how you voted for president? QLT20 (CHECK ONLY ONE)

- 1 Can unite the country
- 2 Is a strong leader
- 3 Cares about people like me
- 4 Has good judgment

[K] Do you think Joe Biden has the temperament to serve effectively as president?

- 1 Yes **TEMPBIDEN**
- 2 No

[L] Do you think Donald Trump has the temperament to serve effectively as president?

- 1 Yes **TEMPTRUMP**
- 2 No

[M] Compared to four years ago, is your family's financial situation:

- 1 Better today **FINSIT**
- 2 Worse today
- 3 About the same **CONTROLSN**

[N] Would you rather see the U.S. Senate controlled by:

- 1 The Democratic Party
- 2 The Republican Party

[O] How do you feel about Maine's use of ranked choice voting?

- 1 Support **SUPPORTRCV**
- 2 Oppose

[P] Which is more important?

- 1 Containing the coronavirus now, even if it hurts the economy **ECONVCORONA20**
- 2 Rebuilding the economy now, even if it hurts efforts to contain the coronavirus

[Q] Is your opinion of Joe Biden: FAVBIDEN

- 1 Favorable
- 2 Unfavorable

[R] Is your opinion of Donald Trump:

- 1 Favorable **FAVTRUMP**
- 2 Unfavorable

[S] Do you have any children under 18 living in your home?

- 1 Yes **CHILD12**
- 2 No

[T] No matter how you voted today, do you usually think of yourself as a: PARTYID

- 1 Democrat
- 2 Republican
- 3 Independent
- 4 Something else

[U] On most political matters, do you consider yourself:

- 1 Liberal **PHIL3**
- 2 Moderate
- 3 Conservative

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Version 2

[A] Are you:

- 1 Male **SEX**
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- 3 Hispanic/Latino
- 4 Asian
- 5 American Indian
- 6 Other

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- 9 Other: Who? _____
- 0 Did not vote

[D] Was your vote for president mainly: **FORCAND**

- 1 For your candidate
- 2 Against his opponent

[E] Is this the first year you have ever voted?

- 1 Yes
 - 2 No
- NEVVOTER**

[F] In which age group are you?

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[I] Are you of Hispanic or Latino descent?

- 1 Yes
 - 2 No
- LATINO**

[J] Do you think the condition of the nation's economy is:

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Good **NEC**
- 3 Not so good
- 4 Poor

[K] Who would better handle the economy? **HANDLEECON20**

- 1 Joe Biden
- 2 Donald Trump

[L] Who would better handle the coronavirus pandemic? **HANDLECORONA**

- 1 Joe Biden
- 2 Donald Trump

[M] Is racism in the U.S.:

- 1 The most important problem **RACISM20**
- 2 One of many important problems
- 3 A minor problem
- 4 Not a problem at all

[N] Is your opinion of Sara Gideon: **FAVGIDEON**

- 1 Favorable
- 2 Unfavorable

[O] Is your opinion of Susan Collins: **FAVCOLLINS**

- 1 Favorable
- 2 Unfavorable

[P] Are you gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender? **LGBT**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

[Q] How confident are you that votes in your state will be counted accurately? **COUNTACC**

- 1 Very confident
- 2 Somewhat confident
- 3 Not very confident
- 4 Not at all confident

[R] How do you feel about the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president? **TRUMP4**

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Somewhat approve
- 3 Somewhat disapprove
- 4 Strongly disapprove

[S] Do you think U.S. efforts to contain the coronavirus pandemic are going: **CONTAINCOVID**

- 1 Very well
- 2 Somewhat well
- 3 Somewhat badly
- 4 Very badly

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**National Election Pool
Maine Voter Survey
October 2020
ASSIGN RESPONDENT AS:
VERSION 1 QUESTIONNAIRE OR VERSION 2 QUESTIONNAIRE**

LANDLINE SAMPLE INTRO:

Hi my name is _____ and I'm calling from Edison Research. We are conducting a brief opinion survey. We are not selling anything. All your answers will be kept confidential. Are you 18 years or age or older?

IF THE RESPONDENT SAYS THEY ARE ON THE DO NOT CALL LIST, SAY:

I understand your concern, but those laws apply to sales calls from telemarketing firms, and not calls made for research purposes. We do public opinion research -- it is not telemarketing and the laws you just mentioned do not apply to us.

[IF "YES", PROCEED TO (S)1]

CELL SAMPLE INTRO:

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If cell phone sample, read: "If you are driving or involved in an activity that requires your full attention, I'll need to call you back."

➔ SCHEDULE CALLBACK IF NECESSARY

[IF "YES", PROCEED TO (Z)1]

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(Z)1. Can you please tell me your home zip code? _____ **(RECORD)**

**IF ZIP CODE FALLS WITHIN MAINE RANGE OF 03901 AND 04992, PROCEED TO (S)1;
OTHERWISE THANK AND TERMINATE**

(S)1. Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you registered to vote in Maine, or not? **(CODE ANSWER)**

Yes	1	CONTINUE
No	2	SKIP TO (N)1
Refused	8	SKIP TO (N)1
Don't know	9	SKIP TO (N)1

(S)2A. Have you already voted in the upcoming Presidential election by sending in a mail or absentee ballot or by going to an early voting location, or not? **(CODE ANSWER)**

Yes	1	CONTINUE
No	2	SKIP TO (S)3
Refused	8	SKIP TO (S)3
Don't know	9	SKIP TO (S)3

(S)2B. Did you vote by sending in an absentee ballot by mail or did you vote in person at an early voting location?

Mail/Absentee	1	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VP)A1
Early, in-person	2	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VP)A1
Don't know	9	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VP)A1

(S)3. How likely is it that you will vote in the upcoming presidential election? Will you... **(READ LIST)**

Definitely vote,	1	CONTINUE
Probably vote,	2	SKIP TO (N)1
Probably not vote	3	SKIP TO (N)1
OR Definitely not vote?	4	SKIP TO (N)1
Refused	8	SKIP TO (N)1
Don't know	9	SKIP TO (N)1

(S)4. Will you vote on Election Day at your precinct's polling place OR will you vote prior to Election Day either by sending in an absentee ballot or by voting in-person at an early voting location? **(CODE ANSWER)**

Vote at polling place on Election Day	1	CONTINUE
Mail/Send in ballot	2	CONTINUE
Early, in-person	3	CONTINUE
Doesn't plan to vote	4	SKIP TO (N)1
Refused	8	SKIP TO (N)1
Don't know	9	SKIP TO (N)1

PROGRAMMING NOTE: FOR VP and VS SERIES', WHEN DATA IS SENT, PLEASE AGGREGATE RESPONSES FOR A1/A2/A3 (WHO WILL YOU VOTE FOR) & B1/B2 (WHO DID YOU VOTE FOR) INTO ONE VARIABLE.

“Now turning to some races that will be on the upcoming general election ballot...”

IF (S)2A CODED 1 “YES” SKIP TO (VP)B1, OTHERWISE, CONTINUE.

(VP)A1 Who will be your first choice in the election for president? (READ LIST)

Joe Biden, the Democrat	1	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VS)A1
Donald Trump, the Republican	2	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VS)A1
Rocky De La Fuente, the Independent	3	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VS)A1
Howie Hawkins, the Green Party Candidate	4	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VS)A1
OR Jo Jorgensen, the Libertarian Candidate	5	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VS)A1
Another candidate VOLUNTEERED	9	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VS)A1
Undecided/Don't know VOLUNTEERED	7	CONTINUE
Will not vote for president VOLUNTEERED	0	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VS)A1
Refused VOLUNTEERED	8	SKIP TO (VP)A3

(VP)A2 Well, as of today, do you lean more toward your first choice being... (READ LIST)

Joe Biden, the Democrat	1	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VS)A1
Donald Trump, the Republican	2	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VS)A1
Rocky De La Fuente, the Independent	3	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VS)A1
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OR Jo Jorgensen, the Libertarian Candidate	5	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VS)A1
Another candidate VOLUNTEERED	9	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VS)A1
Undecided/Don't know VOLUNTEERED	7	CONTINUE
Will not vote for president VOLUNTEERED	0	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VS)A1
Refused VOLUNTEERED	8	SKIP TO (VP)A3

(VP)A3 Your answer is confidential, no individual answers will be released. The results of this survey will only be used for analysis on Election Day. Your answers are important to us, we don't want someone else to speak for you. We'd really appreciate it if you would tell us who your first choice that you plan to vote for. **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

Joe Biden, the Democrat	1	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VS)A1
Donald Trump, the Republican	2	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VS)A1
Rocky De La Fuente, the Independent	3	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VS)A1
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OR Jo Jorgensen, the Libertarian Candidate	5	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VS)A1
Another candidate VOLUNTEERED	9	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VS)A1
Undecided/Don't know VOLUNTEERED	7	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VS)A1
Will not vote for president VOLUNTEERED	0	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VS)A1
Refused VOLUNTEERED	8	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VS)A1

(VP)B1 Who was your first choice in the election for president? **(READ LIST)**

	Joe Biden, the Democrat	1	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VS)A1
	Donald Trump, the Republican	2	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VS)A1
	Rocky De La Fuente, the Independent	3	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VS)A1
	Howie Hawkins, the Green Party Candidate	4	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VS)A1
OR	Jo Jorgensen, the Libertarian Candidate	5	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VS)A1
	Another candidate VOLUNTEERED	9	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VS)A1
	Did not vote for president VOLUNTEERED	0	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE (VS)A1
	Refused VOLUNTEERED	8	CONTINUE

(VP)B2 Your answer is confidential, no individual answers will be released. The results of this survey will only be used for analysis on Election Day. Your answers are important to us, we don't want someone else to speak for you. We'd really appreciate it if you would tell us who your first choice was. **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

	Joe Biden, the Democrat	1	
	Donald Trump, the Republican	2	
	Rocky De La Fuente, the Independent	3	
	Howie Hawkins, the Green Party Candidate	4	
OR	Jo Jorgensen, the Libertarian Candidate	5	
	Another candidate VOLUNTEERED	9	
	Did not vote for president VOLUNTEERED	0	
	Refused VOLUNTEERED	8	

IF (S)2A CODED 1 “YES” SKIP TO (VS)B1, OTHERWISE, CONTINUE.

(VS)A1 Who will be your first choice in the election for U.S. Senator? **(READ LIST)**

	Sara Gideon, the Democrat	1	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE C1
	Susan Collins, the Republican	2	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE C1
	Max Linn, the Independent	3	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE C1
OR	Lisa Savage, the Independent	4	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE C1
	Another candidate VOLUNTEERED	9	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE C1
	Undecided/Don't know VOLUNTEERED	7	CONTINUE
	Will not vote for U.S. Senator VOLUNTEERED	0	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE C1
	Refused VOLUNTEERED	8	SKIP TO (VS)A3

(VS)A2 Well, as of today, do you lean more toward your first choice being ... **(READ LIST)**

	Sara Gideon, the Democrat	1	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE C1
	Susan Collins, the Republican	2	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE C1
	Max Linn, the Independent	3	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE C1
OR	Lisa Savage, the Independent	4	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE C1
	Another candidate VOLUNTEERED	9	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE C1
	Undecided/Don't know VOLUNTEERED	7	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE C1
	Will not vote for U.S. Senator VOLUNTEERED	0	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE C1
	Refused VOLUNTEERED	8	CONTINUE

(VS)A3 Your answer is confidential, no individual answers will be released. The results of this survey will only be used for analysis on Election Day. Your answers are important to us, we don't want someone else to speak for you. We'd really appreciate it if you would tell us who your first choice that you plan to vote for. **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

	Sara Gideon, the Democrat	1	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE C1
	Susan Collins, the Republican	2	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE C1
	Max Linn, the Independent	3	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE C1
OR	Lisa Savage, the Independent	4	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE C1
	Another candidate VOLUNTEERED	9	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE C1
	Undecided/Don't know VOLUNTEERED	7	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE C1
	Will not vote for U.S. Senator VOLUNTEERED	0	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE C1
	Refused VOLUNTEERED	8	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE C1

(VS)B1 Who was your first choice in the election for U.S. Senator? **(READ LIST)**

	Sara Gideon, the Democrat	1	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE C1
	Susan Collins, the Republican	2	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE C1
	Max Linn, the Independent	3	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE C1
OR	Lisa Savage, the Independent	4	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE C1
	Another candidate VOLUNTEERED	9	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE C1
	Did not vote for U.S. Senator VOLUNTEERED	0	SKIP TO NOTE ABOVE C1
	Refused VOLUNTEERED	8	CONTINUE

(VS)B2 Your answer is confidential, no individual answers will be released. The results of this survey will only be used for analysis on Election Day. Your answers are important to us, we don't want someone else to speak for you. We'd really appreciate it if you would tell us who your first choice was. **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

	Sara Gideon, the Democrat	1	
	Susan Collins, the Republican	2	
	Max Linn, the Independent	3	
OR	Lisa Savage, the Independent	4	
	Another candidate VOLUNTEERED	9	
	Did not vote for U.S. Senator VOLUNTEERED	0	
	Refused VOLUNTEERED	8	

IF (VP)A1 or (VP)A2 or (VP)A3 or (VP)B1 or (VP)B2 CODED “0” (WILL NOT/DID NOT VOTE FOR PRESIDENT) OR (VP)A2 or (VP)A3 CODED “7” (UNDECIDED ON PRESIDENT) OR (VP)A3 or (VP)B2 CODED “8” (REFUSED),

AND

IF (VS)A1 or (VS)A2 or (VS)A3 or (VS)B1 or (VS)B2 CODED “0” (WILL NOT/DID NOT VOTE FOR U.S. SENATOR) OR (VS)A2 or (VS)A3 CODED “7” (UNDECIDED ON U.S. SENATOR) OR (VS)A3 or (VS)B2 CODED “8” (REFUSED),

SKIP TO (N)1, OTHERWISE CONTINUE.

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PROGRAMMING NOTE: THESE CODE NUMBERS ARE CORRECT

IF S2A=1 USE THIS WORDING

C1. When did you finally decide for whom to vote in the presidential election? **(READ LIST)**

IF S2A=2,8,9 USE THIS WORDING

C1. When did you finally decide for who you plan to vote for in the presidential election? **(READ LIST)**

CODE LIST THROUGH OCTOBER 27th

	Before September	5
	Sometime in September	4
OR	Sometime in October	3
	Don't know/refused/haven't decided yet	9

CODE LIST FOR OCTOBER 28th AND LATER

	Before September	5
	Sometime in September	4
	Between October 1 st and October 27th	3
OR	October 28 th and later	2
	Don't know/refused/haven't decided yet	9

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IF S2A=1 USE THIS WORDING

C2. Which one of these five issues mattered most in deciding how you voted for president? **(READ LIST)**

IF S2A=2,8,9 USE THIS WORDING

C2. Which one of these five issues mattered most in deciding how you plan to vote for president? **(READ LIST)**

- | | | |
|-----------|--------------------------|---|
| | Racial inequality | 1 |
| | The coronavirus pandemic | 2 |
| | The economy | 3 |
| | Crime and safety | 4 |
| OR | Health care policy | 5 |
| | Don't know/refused | 9 |

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IF S2A=1 USE THIS WORDING

C3. Which one of these four candidate qualities mattered most in deciding how you voted for president? **(READ LIST)**

IF S2A=2,8,9 USE THIS WORDING

C3. Which one of these four candidate qualities mattered most in deciding how you plan to vote for president? **(READ LIST)**

- | | | |
|-----------|----------------------------|---|
| | Can unite the country | 1 |
| | Is a strong leader | 2 |
| | Cares about people like me | 3 |
| OR | Has good judgment | 4 |
| | Don't know/refused | 9 |

VERSION 1 ONLY

C4. Do you think Joe Biden has the temperament to serve effectively as president? **(READ LIST)**

- | | | |
|-----------|--------------------|---|
| | Yes | 1 |
| OR | No | 2 |
| | Don't know/refused | 9 |

VERSION 1 ONLY

C5. Do you think Donald Trump has the temperament to serve effectively as president? **(READ LIST)**

- | | | |
|-----------|--------------------|---|
| | Yes | 1 |
| OR | No | 2 |
| | Don't know/refused | 9 |

VERSION 1 ONLY

C6. Compared to four years ago, is your family's financial situation: **(READ LIST)**

- | | | |
|-----------|--------------------|---|
| | Better today | 1 |
| | Worse today | 2 |
| OR | About the same | 3 |
| | Don't know/refused | 9 |

VERSION 1 ONLY

C7.

Would you rather see the U.S. Senate controlled by: **(READ LIST)**

- | | | |
|-----------|----------------------|---|
| | The Democratic Party | 1 |
| OR | The Republican Party | 2 |
| | Don't know/refused | 9 |

VERSION 1 ONLY

C7B.

How do you feel about Maine's use of ranked choice voting? **(READ LIST)**

- | | | |
|-----------|--------------------|---|
| | Support | 1 |
| OR | Oppose | 2 |
| | Don't know/refused | 9 |

VERSION 1 ONLY.

C8. Which is more important? **(READ LIST)**

- | | | |
|-----------|---|---|
| | Containing the coronavirus now, even if it hurts the economy | 1 |
| OR | Rebuilding the economy now, even if it hurts efforts to contain the coronavirus | 2 |
| | Don't know/refused | 9 |

VERSION 1 ONLY

C9. Is your opinion of Joe Biden: **(READ LIST)**

- | | | |
|-----------|--------------------|---|
| | Favorable | 1 |
| OR | Unfavorable | 2 |
| | Don't know/refused | 9 |

VERSION 1 ONLY

C10. Is your opinion of Donald Trump: **(READ LIST)**

	Favorable	1
OR	Unfavorable	2
	Don't know/refused	9

VERSION 2 ONLY

C11. Was your vote for president mainly: **(READ LIST)**

	For your candidate	1
OR	Against his opponent	2
	Don't know/refused/haven't decided yet	9

VERSION 2 ONLY

C12. Is this the first year you have ever voted? **(READ LIST)**

	Yes	1
OR	No	2
	Don't know/refused/haven't decided yet	9

VERSION 2 ONLY

C13.

Do you think the condition of the nation's economy is: **(READ LIST)**

	Excellent	1
	Good	2
	Not so good	3
OR	Poor	4
	Don't know/refused	9

VERSION 2 ONLY

C14A.

Who would better handle the economy? **(READ LIST)**

	Joe Biden	1
OR	Donald Trump	2
	Don't know/refused	9

VERSION 2 ONLY

C14B.

Who would better handle the coronavirus pandemic? **(READ LIST)**

	Joe Biden	1
OR	Donald Trump	2
	Don't know/refused	9

VERSION 2 ONLY

C15.

Is racism in the U.S.: **(READ LIST)**

	The most important problem	1
	One of many important problems	2
	A minor problem	3
OR	Not a problem at all	4
	Don't know/refused	9

VERSION 2 ONLY

C15b. Is your opinion of Sara Gideon: **(READ LIST)**

	Favorable	1
OR	Unfavorable	2
	Don't know/refused	9

VERSION 2 ONLY

C15c. Is your opinion of Susan Collins: **(READ LIST)**

	Favorable	1
OR	Unfavorable	2
	Don't know/refused	9

VERSION 2 ONLY

C16.

How confident are you that votes in your state will be counted accurately? **(READ LIST)**

	Very confident	1
	Somewhat confident	2
	Not very confident	3
OR	Not at all confident	4
	Don't know/refused	9

VERSION 2 ONLY

C18.

How do you feel about the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president? **(READ LIST)**

- | | | |
|-----------|---------------------|---|
| | Strongly approve | 1 |
| | Somewhat approve | 2 |
| | Somewhat disapprove | 3 |
| OR | Strongly disapprove | 4 |
| | Don't know/refused | 9 |

VERSION 2 ONLY

C19.

Do you think U.S. efforts to contain the coronavirus pandemic are going: **(READ LIST)**

- | | | |
|-----------|--------------------|---|
| | Very well | 1 |
| | Somewhat well | 2 |
| | Somewhat badly | 3 |
| OR | Very badly | 4 |
| | Don't know/refused | 9 |

DEMOS:

“My last questions are for statistical purposes only...”

(N)1. How old are you? **(CODE APPROPRIATE CATEGORY. IF NECESSARY, READ: “Well, please tell me if you are between the ages of...” THEN READ LIST)**

18 and 24,	1
25 and 29,	2
30 and 34,	3
35 and 39,	4
40 and 44,	5
45 and 49,	6
50 and 59,	7
60 and 64,	8
65 and 74,	9
75 or over?	10
Refused	99

(N)2. Sex – **(CODE BY VOICE):**

Male	1
Female	2

(N)3. Which best describes your education? You have: **(READ LIST)**

Never attended college	1
Attended college but received no degree	2
An Associate’s degree (AA or AS)	3
A Bachelor’s degree (BA or BS)	4
OR An advanced degree after a bachelor’s degree (such as JD, MA, MBA, MD, PhD)	5
Don’t know/refused	9

(N)4A. Are you ... **(READ LIST)**

White	1	
Black	2	
Hispanic or Latino	3	CODE(N)4B AS “1” AND DO NOT ASK (N)4B
Asian	4	
OR American Indian	5	
Another race VOLUNTEERED	6	
Don’t know/refused	9	

(N)4B. Are you of Hispanic or Latino descent, or not? **(CODE ANSWER)**

- Yes 1
- No 2

- Don't know/refused 9

IF "C" SERIES ASKED, CONTINUE; OTHERWISE SKIP TO (N)5

(D)1. No matter how you vote, do you usually think of yourself as a... **(READ LIST)**

- Democrat 1
- Republican 2
- Independent 3
- OR** Something else 4
- Don't know/refused 9

(D)2. On most political matters, do you consider yourself... **(READ LIST)**

- Liberal 1
- Moderate 2
- OR** Conservative 3

- Don't know/refused 9

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(D)4. Do you have any children under 18 living in your household? **(READ LIST)**

- Yes 1
- OR** No 2

- Don't know/Refused 9

VERSION 2 ONLY

(D)5. Are you gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender? **(READ LIST)**

- Yes 1
- OR** No 2

- Don't know/Refused 9

"These are all the questions I have. May I just confirm your first name if my supervisor wants to call back? _____ Thank you very much for your cooperation."

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